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CAPITAL LINE

CALL FOR DELAY: Sens. Daniel Inouye, D-Hawaii, and Warren Rudman, R-N.H. — chairman and vice-chairman of the Senate panel probing the Iran-contra affair — said Tuesday Robert Gates' confirmation as CIA director should be delayed until Congress completes its inquiries, The Washington Post reports today. In a related matter, the newspaper reported that the Justice Department suspects Southern Air Transport Co. of Miami — former CIA-owned airline involved in transporting the arms — of being a channel for moving profits from those sales to the contras.

SPY-Line: After a year's trial at four bases, the Army is starting a toll-free hot line April 30 for soldiers to turn in suspected spies. Whom to turn in? The Army brochure suggests those who take unexplained trips, get phone calls from persons with foreign accents, carry a miniature camera and tape recorder or suddenly have unexplained money.